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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF REVISED VERSION OF CENTO MINISTERIAL
MEETING DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL):

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION
HELD ITS 23RD SESSION IN LONDON ON MAY 26-27, 1976. THE DELEGATIONS
WERE LED BY H E DR. ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, FOREIGN MINISTER OF
IRAN, H E MR. AZIZ AHMED, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE AND FROEIGN
AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN, H E MR. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, MINISTER OF
FROEGIN AFFAIRS OF TURKEY, THE RT. HON. ANTHONY CROSLAND, SECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND
THE HON. DR. HENRY KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE FO THE UNITED
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STATES OF AMERICA.

2. H E MR. UMIT HALUK BAYULKEN, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION PRESIDED AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE SESSION. A MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WAS DELIVERED IN THE OPENING ADDRESS BY THE RT. HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY OPENING STATEMENTS BY THE LEADERS OF THE DELEGATIONS, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO, EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR HER MAJESTY'S GRACIOUS MESSAGE AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT. THE RT HON ANTHONY CROSLAND, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, PRESIDED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

3. THE MINISTERS HAD A WIDE-RANGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE CENTO REGION AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT PEACE, STABILITY, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WAS MAINTAINED IN THE REGION.

4. THE MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED INTENSIVELY THE PROGRESS TOWARDS FURTHER PROMOTING CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS. THE PLEDGED CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION. THE MINISTERS RE-AFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE REGION.

5. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MADE STATEMENTS REGARDING PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

6. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. THEY AGREED THAT THE PROLONGED CONFLICT IN THE AREA CONTINUED TO CONSTITUTE A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND THEY RE-AFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT RESULTING IN A JUST

HONOURABLE AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967 AND 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1967.

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1973. THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH CONCERN THE FACTIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS WHICH WERE GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME IN LEBANON AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE LEBANESE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE MIGHT FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS IN PRESERVING THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

7 THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE CONCLUSION OF

THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE).
IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS STRESSED THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO
REGION CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EUROPEAN SECURITY.

8. MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS MADE DURING
THE PAST YEAR TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH
ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT, AND THEY POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
CONTINUING THE TALKS CARRIED OUT IN VARIOUS FIELDS BETWEEN PAKISTAN
AND COUNTRIES OF THE REGION WITH A VIEW TO NORMALIZING THE RELATIONS
AMONG THEM AND THUS PAVING THE WAY FOR A DURABLE PEACE AND
SECURITY IN SOUTH ASIA.

9. THE COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMED ITS AGREEMENT THAT THE ECONOMIC
PROGRAMME CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE CENTO PARTNERSHIP.

10. THE MINISTERS BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS
MADE BY CENTO TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC LINK BETWEEN
THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES, ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SEVERAL NEW PROJECTS TO EXPAND RESEARCH IN
AGRICULTURE, AIMED AT INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OR IMPROVING
MARKETING OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES, AND ALSO
EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE AT THE CONTINUING PROGRESS IN THE
IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE
REGION. THEY WELCOMED THE PLANS FOR FURTHER UPGRADING THE
MICROWAVE SYSTEM LINKING IRAN, PAKISTAN AND TURKEY WITH PARTICULAR
INTEREST SHOWN IN THE PLANS OF PAKISTAN AND AN OFFER BY THE
UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO COVER SOME OF THE COSTS.
THE MINISTERS ALSO WELCOMED THE OFFERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM
TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE DONATION MADE ANNUALLY FOR SCIENTIFIC
EQUIPMENT, AND THAT OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH
A BOOK PROGRAMME FOR THE SUPPLY OF FARSI LANGUAGE BOOKS TO
PAKISTAN AND TURKEY. THEY ALSO AGREED ON EXPANDING THE
PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND WILL INCREASE
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THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CENTO MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUND
FOR THIS PURPOSE.

11. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE
PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG
THE PARTNERS IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

12. THE MINISTERS CONSIDERED THE CONTINUED THREAT OF SUBVERSION
DIRECTED TOWARDS THE REGION AND RE-AFFIRMED THEIR RESOLVE TO
ELIMINATE THIS THREAT. THEY NOTED THAT THE PAST YEAR HAD SEEN
SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE REGION AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT
THESE SUBVERSIVE EFFORTS ARE FARTHER FROM SUCCESS THAN EVER.

THEY EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO MEET ANY SUCH SUBVERSION WITH ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

13. CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THEY RE-AFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ALLIANCE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE REGION, AND TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

14. THE MINISTERS ALSO ENDORSED A RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER EXPANDING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMME AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE.

15. THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OFTO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION IN MAY, 1977
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